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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6030

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1760

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, MR

SUBJECT: POLISARIO CLASH WITH MAURITANIAN FORCES NEAR AUSERT

SPANISH MILITARY ATTACHE ADVISES THAT MAURITANIAN REGULAR ARMY  
UNITS WERE ATTACKED BY POLISARIO ELEMENTS ON 16 JULY IN MOUN-  
TAINOUS TERRAIN APPROXIMATELY 30 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF AUSERT  
(2235N 1418W). CITING MAURITANIAN MILITARY SOURCES, SPANIARD  
STATES POLISARIO ATTACK FORCE CONSISTED OF EIGHT LANDROVERS AND  
ROUGHLY 50 TROOPS. SEVEN MAURITANIANS WERE KILLED DURING FLIGHT-  
ING WHICH ENSUED, AND UPWARDS OF 15 ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN  
WOUNDED. POLISARIO FORCES DESTROYED TWO MAURITANIAN VEHICLES  
AND CAPTURED ANOTHER. FOLLOWING THE ENGAGEMENT, POLISARIO  
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ELEMENTS RETREATED AND DISAPPEARAD INTO THE MOUNTAINS.

DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS HIT AND RUN TACTIC, PMWISARIO  
LOSSES ARE NOT KNOWN BUT ARE BELIEVED TO BE LIGHT.  
COMMENT: 16 JULY CLASH IS FIRST KNOWN MILITARY INCIDENT IN FORMER  
SPANISH SAHARA NOW TIRIS AL-GHARBIA REGION SINCE FEBRUARY 8.

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